

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-11 (Cancelled)

sub c. } Claim 12 (Currently Amended): An optical system comprising:

an optical transmitter, said optical transmitter including an optical modulator for modulating an RF input signal onto an optical carrier signal having multiple wavelengths and defining [an] RF modulated optical ~~signal~~ signals;

an optical receiver for demodulating said multiple RF modulated optical ~~signal~~ signals and providing ~~an~~ multiple RF output ~~signal~~ signals, said optical receiver including a control circuit having a wavelength division demultiplexer for demultiplexing said RF output signals and generating multiple optical signals at each of said multiple wavelengths, said control circuit also including a multiple photodetectors for converting said multiple optical signals to multiple electrical signals and a summing junction for subtracting said multiple electrical signals to provide an output signal; and

an optical link connecting said optical transmitter and said optical receiver, wherein said optical link is in free space.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): An optical system comprising:

an optical transmitter, ~~said optical transmitter~~ including an optical modulator for modulating ~~[[an]] RF input ~~signal~~ signals~~ onto an optical carrier signal having multiple wavelengths and defining an RF modulated optical ~~signal~~ signals;

an optical receiver for demodulating said RF modulated optical ~~signal~~ signals and providing ~~[[an]] RF output ~~signal~~ signals~~; and

an optical link connecting said optical transmitter and said optical receiver, wherein said optical modulator is a Mach-Zehnder modulator ~~having~~ includes an RF input port, a bias voltage input port, an optical carrier input port, and an optical output port, and wherein said optical

receiver includes a circuit includes a wavelength division demultiplexer for demultiplexing said RF output signals and generating multiple signals at each of said multiple wavelengths, said circuit also including a multiple photodetectors for converting said multiple optical signals to multiple electrical signals and a summing junction for subtracting said multiple electrical signals to provide output signals.

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Claim 14 (Original): The optical system as recited in claim 13, wherein said optical transmitter includes a wavelength division multiplexer (WDM) and said optical carrier signal having multiple wavelengths is formed from a plurality of carrier signals having different wavelengths for providing an optical carrier signal to said optical carrier input port of said Mach-Zehnder modulator, said optical transmitter also including a plurality of sources of carrier signals at different wavelengths which are applied to said WDM.

Claim 15 (Original): The optical system as recited in claim 14 further including a bias control circuit, said bias control circuit applied to said bias voltage input port.

~~Claim 16 (Currently amended): The optical system as recited in claim 15, wherein said bias control circuit includes a wavelength division multiplexer (WDM) demultiplexer, a summing junction and a pair of photodetectors.~~

Claim 17 (Currently amended): The optical system as recited in claim 16, wherein said ~~WDM wavelength division demultiplexer~~, said summing junction and said pair of photodetectors are coupled to said input port of said Mach-Zehnder modulator.

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Claim 18 (Original): The optical system as recited in claim 17, wherein said optical receiver includes a wavelength division multiplexer (WDM) for receiving said RF modulated optical signal and demultiplexing said RF modulated optical signal into separate wavelength signals and a plurality of photodetectors coupled to said WDM for photodetecting the separate wavelength signals separately and generating corresponding multiple photodetector current

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signals, said optical receiver also including a summing junction for summing said photodetector currents.

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Claim 19 (Original): The optical system as recited in claim 18, further including one or more optical amplifiers.

Claim 20 (Original): The optical system as recited in claim 19 wherein said one or more optical amplifiers are connected to one or the other of said optical transmitter and said optical receiver.

Claim 21 (Original): The optical system as recited in claim 20, including at least two optical amplifiers, one optical amplifier connected to said optical transmitter and one optical amplifier connected to said optical receiver.

Claims 22-24 (Cancelled)